

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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40. (New) A recording and reproducing apparatus to record and reproduce a signal to and from a recording medium, comprising:

a receiving device to receive a digital broadcasting signal and to convert the digital broadcasting signal into a record-formed signal;

a recording and reproducing device to record and reproduce the record-formed signal supplied from the receiving device, to and from the recording medium; and

a decoding and output circuit to decode the digital broadcasting signal which is received by the receiving device or the record-formed signal which is reproduced by the recording and reproducing device, and to output the decoded signal for use by a display unit,

wherein the decoding and output circuit is commandable to output, to the display unit, selection information selectable for an indication of one of information relative to the receiving device and information relative to the recording and reproducing device,

wherein when the indication of the information relative to the receiving device is selected from the selection information outputted for use by the display unit, the information relative to the receiving device obtained from the receiving device is output for use by the display unit, and

wherein when the indication of the information relative to the recording and reproducing device is selected from the selection information, the information relative to the recording and reproducing device obtained from the recording and reproducing device is output for use by the display unit.

41. (New) A recording and reproducing apparatus according to Claim 40, wherein the information relative to the receiving device is information indicating a state of the receiving device, and the information relative to the recording and reproducing device is information indicating a state of the recording and reproducing device.

42. (New) A recording and reproducing apparatus according to Claim 40, wherein the digital broadcasting signal is a video signal, and the decoding and output circuit outputs the information relative to the receiving device and the recording and reproducing device by superposing the information on the received video signal or a reproduced video signal, or by replacing the received video signal or the reproduced video signal with the information.

43. (New) A recording and reproducing apparatus according to Claim 40, wherein the digital broadcasting signal is a digitally-compressed video signal, and wherein the decoding and output circuit outputs the information relative to the receiving device and the recording and reproducing device by superimposing the information on the video signal which is decoded, or by replacing the video signal which is decoded.

44. (New) A receiving apparatus to receive a transmitted signal and to output/input the received signal to and from a recording and reproducing device, comprising;

a receiving device to receive a digital broadcasting signal which is transmitted;

a signal output and input circuit to output and input the digital broadcasting signal to and from the recording and reproducing device; and

a decoding and output circuit to decode the digital broadcasting signal which is received by the receiving device or by the recording and reproducing device, and to output the decoded signal for use by a display unit,

wherein the decoding and output circuit is commandable to output, to the display unit, selection information selectable for an indication of one of information relative to the receiving device and information relative to the recording and reproducing device,

wherein when the indication of the information relative to the receiving device is selected from the selection information outputted for use by the display unit, the information relative to the receiving device obtained from the receiving device is output for use by the display unit, and

wherein when the indication of the information relative to the recording and reproducing device is selected from the selection information, the information relative to the recording and reproducing device obtained from the recording and reproducing device is output for use by the display unit.

45. (New) A receiving apparatus according to Claim 44, wherein the information relative to the receiving device is information indicating a state of the receiving device, and the information relative to the recording and reproducing device is information indicating a state of the recording and reproducing device.

46. (New) A receiving apparatus according to Claim 44, wherein the digital broadcasting signal is a video signal, and the decoding and output circuit outputs the information relative to the receiving device and the recording and reproducing device by superposing the information on the received video signal or a reproduced video signal, or by replacing the received video signal or the reproduced video signal with the information.

47. (New) A receiving apparatus according to Claim 44, wherein the digital broadcasting signal is a digitally-compressed video signal, and wherein the decoding and output circuit outputs the information relative to the receiving device and the recording and reproducing device by superimposing the information on the video signal which is decoded, or by replacing the video signal which is decoded.

48. (New) A receiving apparatus to receive a transmitted signal and to input/output the received signal from and to an external unit, comprising:

a receiving device to receive a digital broadcasting signal which is transmitted;

a signal input and output circuit to input/output the digital broadcasting signal to/from the external unit; and

a decoding and output circuit to decode the digital broadcasting signal which is received by the receiving device or by the external unit and to output the decoded signal for use by a display unit,

wherein the decoding and output circuit is commandable to output, to the display unit, selection information selectable for an indication of one of information relative to the receiving device and information relative to the external unit,

wherein when the indication of the information relative to the receiving device is selected from the selection information outputted for use by the display unit, the information relative to the receiving device obtained from the receiving device is output for use by the display unit, and

wherein when the indication of the information relative to the external unit is selected from the selection information, the information relative to the external unit obtained from the external unit is output for use by the display unit.

49. (New) A receiving apparatus according to Claim 48, wherein the information relative to the receiving device is information indicating a state of the receiving device, and the information relative to the external unit is information indicating a state of the external unit.

50. (New) A receiving apparatus according to Claim 48, the digital broadcasting signal is a video signal, and the decoding and output circuit outputs the information relative to the receiving device and the external unit by superposing the information on the received video signal or a reproduced video signal, or by

replacing the received video signal or the reproduced video signal with the information.

51. (New) A receiving apparatus according to Claim 48, wherein the digital broadcasting signal is a digitally-compressed video signal, and wherein the decoding and output circuit outputs the information relative to the receiving device and the external unit by superimposing the information on the video signal which is decoded, or by replacing the video signal which decoded.

52. (New) An information output method of using a receiving device for receiving a digital broadcasting signal and a recording and reproducing device for recording and reproducing a signal to and from a recording medium, comprising:

outputting, for use by a display unit, selection information selectable for an indication of one of information relative to the receiving device and information relative to the recording and reproducing device;

when the indication of the information relative to the receiving device is selected from the selection information outputted for use by the display unit, outputting, for use by the display unit, the information relative to the receiving device obtained from the receiving device; and

when the indication of the information relative to the recording and reproducing device is selected from the selection information outputted for use by the display unit, outputting, for use by the display unit, the information relative to the recording and reproducing device obtained from the recording and reproducing device.

53. (New) An information output method according to Claim 52, wherein the information relative to the receiving device is information indicating a state of the receiving device, and the information relative to the recording and reproducing device is information indicating a state of the recording and reproducing device.

54. (New) An information output method according to Claim 52, wherein the digital broadcasting signal is a video signal, and comprising outputting the information relative to the receiving device and the recording and reproducing device by superposing the information on the received video signal or the reproduced video signal, or by replacing the received video signal or the reproduced video signal with the information.

55. (New) An information output method according to Claim 52, wherein the digital broadcasting signal is a digitally-compressed video signal, and comprising outputting the information relative to the receiving device and the recording and reproducing device by superimposing the information on the video signal which is decoded, or by replacing the video signal which is decoded.